

Wireless Enhanced 911

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LB 1222 Makes Significant Changes to Enhanced Wireless 911

LB 1222 [2006] was passed by the Legislature this Spring and makes significant changes to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act. The most significant changes include:

- ◆ Elimination of the requirement that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund provide 100% cost recovery for wireless enhanced 911 implementation;
- ◆ Increase of the wireless surcharge cap from \$.50 to \$.70 for all but Douglas County;
- ◆ Requirement that all counties implement enhanced landline 911 service by July 1, 2010;
- ◆ Authority for the Commission to designate a county with enhanced wireless 911 service to receive and relay or dispatch wireless 911 calls for a county without enhanced wireless 911 service;
- ◆ Requirement that prepaid wireless carriers collect and remit the wireless sur-

charge beginning in January 2007; and

- ◆ Specific reporting requirements for wireless carriers.

The Commission is currently developing the process for implementing all provisions of LB 1222 to ensure participation by all affected parties, including counties, municipalities, wireless carriers, local exchange carriers, and vendors. Implementing LB 1222 will require the development of an interim payment policy and an extensive investigation to develop the mechanism for permanently funding the wireless enhanced 911 system.

A number of hearings will be held on the interim policy and the permanent funding mechanism. Participation by local PSAPs, county and city officials is vital to ensure that the needs of the statewide system are met. We will continue to keep you informed of developments as they occur. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact Joan Raffety, Angela Melton or Jeff Pursley at the Commission, 402-471-3101.

Upcoming Events

Wireless E911

Advisory Board Meeting

June 26, 2006

10:00 a.m. at PSC/Video Link City Hall, 1615 First Avenue, South Sioux City

Program Reorganization Effective July 1, 2006

Wireless E911 Advisory Board

Sheriff Neil Miller, Buffalo County
Pete Peterson, Keith County
Mayor Bill McLarty, South Sioux City
Bill Ashburn, Alltel Wireless
Mark Masterton, Indigo Wireless
Virginia Vance, Qwest
Larry Lavelle, Sarpy County
Chief Issac Brown, McCook PD
Mark Conrey, Omaha/Douglas Co.
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Commissioner Gerald Vap, PSC

Commission Reorganizes Its Wireless E911 Program to Ensure Rapid Deployment

Following passage of LB 1222 (see story above) and the resignation of the former Wireless E911 Director, the Commission has undertaken to reorganize the Wireless E911 program. The program, along with the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF), has been folded into an umbrella department known as the *Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety* (NTIPS) department. These changes take effect July 1.

NUSF director **Jeff Pursley** (402-471-264) was appointed director of the NTIPS department. **Joan Raffety** (402-471-0208) retains her position as Wireless E911 Coordinator. **Angela Melton** (402-471-0274) was appointed Policy Advisor for Wireless E911. The Commission has opened a Wireless

E911 Technical Specialist position (a job description may be found on the Commission's web site at <http://www.psc.state.ne.us/>).

The Commission's Executive Director, Andy Pollock, who recommended the reorganization plan that was approved by the Commissioners, described the changes as important to the rapid deployment of wireless E911 throughout Nebraska. "The newly organized program will allow the Commission to most efficiently utilize our staff to address the technical, financial, administrative and political challenges involved in expeditiously deploying wireless E911 in the new environment created under LB 1222," Pollock said.

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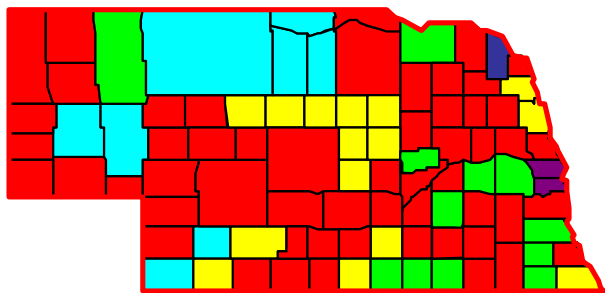
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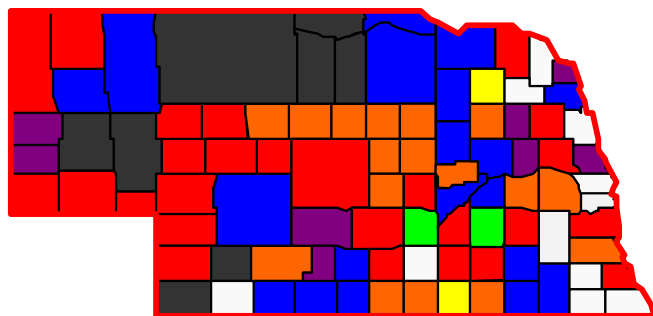
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Wireless Phase I/II Implementation Status



PURPLE: Phase II Implemented
RED: Phase I Implemented
GREEN: E911, ready to proceed with Phase I
NAVY BLUE: E911 Implemented, No cell tower coverage
YELLOW: Implementing E911
BLUE: Basic 911

Status of GIS Data



Red= GIS Workshop – Has PSC Approval
Purple=GeoComm – Has PSC Approval
Yellow=Pending PSC Approval
Blue: GIS Data Complete
Oranges=GIS data build currently under way
Gray=Basic 911, no activity
White=Unknown activity
Green= May have some GIS data, unknown quality and specs